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Photoactivatable coating composition comprising (A) an activated unsaturated group-containing compound, (B) an activated CH group-containing compound such as an oligomeric or polymeric malonate compound and/or an acetoacetate group-containing compound, (C) a catalyst in the form of one or more Lewis or Brönstedt bases, with the conjugated acids of the latter having a pKa of at least 10, such as 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene, and (D) a photoinitiator, wherein the photoinitiator is a photolatent base. Preference is given to a coating composition wherein the photolatent base is an α-aminoalkene of the structure

wherein R_{16} is phenyl; R_{17} and R_{18} are hydrogen or methyl; R_{19} and R_{21} together form a C_3 -alkylene bridge; R_{20} and R_{22} together form a C_3 -alkylene bridge; R_{31} and R_{32} are hydrogen.

The composition may additionally comprise a sensitiser selected from the group of thioxanthones, oxazines, rhodamines, ketocoumarins, and preferably from the group of benzophenone and derivatives thereof.